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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ALLIED RESPONSE TO GDR MEASURES

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1. AT BONN GROUP MEETING JANUARY LL, MEICHSNER (BERLIN REPRESENTATION) SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES, FRG AND WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BEGIN TO MAINTAIN A LOOKOUT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN SITUATION IN EAST BERLIN. WHILE GDR HAD BEEN ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY COULD CHANGE THE SITUATION IN FACT, THEY SHOULD BE SHOWN THAT THEY COULD NOT DO SO WITH IMPUNITY AND WITHOUT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEM.

2. MEICHSNER HOPED THE THREE POWERS COULD FIND WAYS IN THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE GDR TO SHOW THEIR CONCERN FOR THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN BY
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UNDERLINING THE DIFFERENCE THEY PERCEIVE BETWEEN THE GDR AND EAST BERLIN. THIS MIGHT BE DONE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY UNDERSCORING THAT AGREEMENTS WITH THE GDR DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY APPLY IN EAST BERLIN, PERHAPS BY A STATEMENT WHEN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED WITH THE GDR THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO APPLY TO EAST BERLIN.

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3. US REP AGREED THAT THIS IDEA WAS ONE DESERVING FULL CONSIDERATION. IT MIGHT BE COUPLED WITH AN EXAMINATION AND LISTING OF ALL WAYS IN WHICH THE SOVIETS AND GDR THEMSELVES STILL TREATED EAST BERLIN, LEGALLY AND ORGANIZATIONALLY, AS DIFFERENT FROM THE GDR. SUCH A LISTING WOULD GIVE US A BETTER IDEA OF HOW MUCH OF THIS PARTICULAR LOAF OF SALAMI IS STILL LEFT.

4. THE UK REP (HITCH) SAID THAT IT WAS NORMAL PRACTICE FOR THE UK IN THE COURSE OF BILATERAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GDR TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT THE UK ASSUMED THAT THE TREATY WOULD APPLY ALSO TO EAST BERLIN. THE NORMAL GDR RESPONSE WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT OF COURSE THE TREATY WOULD APPLY TO THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE GDR. THE FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO TAKEN THAT STEP IN ITS ONE BILATERAL TREATY WITH THE GDR.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTS:

A. FOR USBER: THE DRAFT NATO BRIEFING PREPARED BY THE BONN GROUP (BONN 654) LISTED IN PARA 10 SOME OF THE MAJOR DISTINCTIONS WHICH STILL DEMONSTRATE THE SEPARATE STATUS OF EAST BERLIN. USBER MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN FLESHING OUT THAT LIST, SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE A FUTURE FRAMEWORK FOR REFERENCE.

B. FOR DEPARTMENT: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
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BEING INFORMED ABOUT US PRACTICE -- FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED US/GDR FISHERIES AGREEMENT ANY STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE US SIDE CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT TO EAST BERLIN -- SO THAT WE COULD REPORT IN THE BONN GROUP ON OUR CURRENT OR INTENDED PRACTICE IN THIS REGARD.
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